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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 4380

EO 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: RECENT DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE TWO PUBLICLY ORGANIZED  
PROTEST GROUPS, THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE AND THE MOVEMENT  
FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS, HAVE CONTINUED SIMILAR,  
BUT SEPARATE, ACTIVITIES SINCE THE DEATH OF STANSLAW PYJAS.  
THERE APPEAR, HOWEVER, TO BE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN THEM. END SUMMARY.

2. THREE MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS, STEFAN KACZOROWSKI, LESZEK MOCZULSKI,  
AND WOJCIECH ZIEMBINSKI, VISITED THE EMBASSY ON JUNE 21  
AND DISCUSSED THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER.  
THEY CHARACTERIZED THEMSELVES AS AN "OPPOSITION MOVEMENT"  
WHICH REJECTED THE PRESENT SYSTEM, IN CONTRAST TO THE  
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"DISSIDENTS" OF THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE (WDC), WHO OPPOSE  
THE METHODS, BUT NOT THE PRINCIPLES, OF THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP.  
THEY EMPHASIZED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE STRICTLY LEGAL,  
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLISH LAW. THEY SHOWED US A LETTER  
TO THE MARSHAL OF THE SEJM, DATED JUNE 15, CALLING  
FOR A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO REVISE POLISH LAWS WHICH ARE NOT  
IN AGREEMENT WITH THE POLISH CONSTITUTION. THEY ALS GAVE

US A COPY OF THE SECOND NUMBER OF "OPINIA," A PHOTOGRAPH-ICALLY REPRODUCED PAMPHLET WITH A CIRCULATION OF 2,000. THESE DOCUMENTS WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/EE, ATTENTION ALAN THOMPSON, FOR APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION.

3. THE PAMPHLET REPORTS SOCIAL PROTESTS IN MAY; EVENTS RELATED TO THE DEATH OF STANISLAW PYJAS AND THE WARSAW HUNGER STRIKE, AS WELL AS PUBLICATIONS OF THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE. THE PAMPHLET ALSO INCLUDES EDITORIAL CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET APPROACH TO BELGRADE, CRITICISM OF POLISH LAWS BEARING ON PRIVATE FARMERS, AND PRAISE FOR THE POLISH NATIONAL TRADITION OF REJECTING ARBITRARY RULE. OTHER EDITORIALS CRITICIZE POLISH PRESS COMMENTARY. A LETTER SUPPORTING THE MOVEMENT FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IS ALSO REPRODUCED.

4. A WESTERN CORRESPONDENT TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON JUNE 21 THAT THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE, DESPITE THE IMPRISONMENT OF ITS LEADERS AND REDUCED FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES. ON JUNE 20, HALINA MIKOLAJSKA, THE ACRING SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE, GAVE THE NEWSMEN COPIES OF THE THREE PETITIONS CALLING FOR RELEASE OF THE IMPRISONED WDC MEMBERS. WRITER JACEK BOCHENSKI SPONSORED ONE PETITION, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY 99 WARSAW STUDENTS. A SECOND PETITION ORIGINATING IN WARSAW WAS SIGNED BY 425 PEOPLE, OF WHOM 80 PERCENT ARE INTELLECTUALS. ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE NEWSMAN, FATHER JAN ZIEJA ARRANGED THE THIRD PETITION, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY 329 VILLAGERS FROM ZBROZA DUZA. THE PETITION RECALLED THE DESTRUCTION OF A CHAPEL ERECTED BY THE VILLAGERS LAST YEAR, AND EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH THE WDC AND WELL AS THE FIVE WORKERS STILL IMPRISONED FOR THEIR ACTIVITY DURING THE JUNE, 1976, PRICE-RISE DISTURBANCES.

5. THE CORRESPONDENT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION THE STATEMENT OF THREE STUDENTS FROM THE GDANSK POLITECHNIC WHO ANNOUNCED A HUNGER STRIKE ON JUNE 15 IN SUPPORT OF THE JAILED WDC MEMBERS. THE STRIKE WAS CALLED OFF AFTER TWO DAYS, LARGELY BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES. IT APPEARS THAT THE STRIKE WAS THE INITIATIVE OF THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES, RATHER THAN OF A LARGE GROUP. BOTH THE WDC AND THE MOVEMENT ISSUED ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE HUNGER STRIKE ON JUNE 18.

6. ACCORDING TO THE WESTERN CORRESPONDENT, HALINA MIKOLAJSKA HAS SAID THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE REPUDIATED THE MOVEMENT FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS BECAUSE, PARTICIPANTS IN THE ANTI-SEMITIC

CAMPAIGN OF 1968 WERE AMONG ITS ORGANIZERS.  
SHE NAMED LESZEK MOCZULSKI, A FORMER EDITOR OF  
STOLICA MAGAZINE, WHICH REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN UNDER MOCZAR'S  
PATRONAGE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN ADDITION TO IDEOLOGICAL  
OBJECTIONS TO THE WDC, THE PREPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOVEMENT  
COMPLAINED THAT SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TRYING TO MAKE  
CAREERS OUT OF THE PROTEST MOVEMENT.

8. COMMENT: THE MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVES, TWO OF WHOM ARE  
ALSO MEMBERS OF THE WDC, MAY WELL HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO  
JACZEK KURON, WHO REPORTEDLY TOLD A WEST GERMAN TELEVISION  
REPORTER RECENTLY THAT HE WOULD NOT MIND JAIL BECAUSE IT HAD  
BEEN THE STARTING POINT FOR A NUMBER OF POLISH POLITICAL  
CAREERS, INCLUDING GOMULKA'S.  
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9. WHILE THE TWO GROUPS OBVIOUSLY DISAGREE WITH EACH  
OTHER, THEY HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WHICH  
WOULD BE DAMAGING TO BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. THE FACT THAT  
THE NAMES OF ZIEMBINSKI, PAJDAK, AND KACZOROWSKI APPEAR IN  
THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOTH GROUPS, SUGGESTS THAT PLURALISM  
HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH GROUPS AS THE  
LESSER EVIL. END COMMENT.  
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